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## SONORA SIFTINGS.

Collection of Happenings in the State  
Over the Line.

At Prietas Jesus Santa Cruz will resume operations in the Blanca Julia mine.

At Guaymas Señor Arturo Morales is about to open a new general merchandising establishment.

The National Mexican Mining & Developing Co., at El Plomo, is arranging to employ Yaquis as miners.

El Progreso of last week states that a sale has been made of the famous El Chinante mine, which is situated about three leagues from the town of Altar.

A pugilistic exhibition is to be given shortly at Hermosillo by "Black Jack" and "Swiftly," two pugilists recently from Phoenix.

About the 20th Mr. E. R. Hale, son of the late U. S. consular agent, Mr. Charles E. Hale, will return to Los Angeles where he is attending business college.

A "corner" has been worked on the Guaymas sugar market, and an advance from twenty-five to twenty-seven and one-half cents per kilo is already noted.

Advices received at Guaymas from the City of Mexico announce the illness, in that capital, of Señora Alejandra de la Vega de Redo, the mother of Diego Redo.

The *El Paso Times* has obtained from somewhere the alleged information that there is yet a band of 200 Yaquis on the war path making trouble. That is news in Sonora.

Tomorrow ex-Presidente Da. Carlos Garza Cortina and a party of friends from Nogales will go to Santa Ana to visit Señor Ismael Padilla, the enterprising merchant there.

Saturday of last week there were shipped from Magdalena twenty-seven carloads of Sonora cattle consigned to Bakersfield, California. Mr. T. J. Anderson was the purchaser and shipper.

Ores recently extracted from El Porvenir, San Francisco and Fortuna mines, properties of "La Compañía Minera de Batuc," have assayed \$21,900 in silver and twenty-five ounces gold, per ton.

At Minas Prietas, Monday of last week, there was a lively prize fight for a purse of \$500, between Black Jack and Dan O'Connell. Seven rounds were fought and O'Connell was the victor. Geo. Scully acted as referee.

Beginning with this issue THE OASIS will return to the post office at La Colorada and Minas Prietas for delivery to its subscribers in those camps. While not eminently satisfactory it is the best which can be done at present.

Owing to the damage to the new crop of wheat the price of flour has risen and it is now quoted at \$18 (silver) per carga (300 pounds). Formerly the price for that quantity was \$12. Since the above was in type the price of flour has again fallen to \$14.

Ex-Governor Wm. T. Thornton of New Mexico, who retired from office only last week, has already returned to Sonora, which he visited last winter, and is pushing his mining investment. The gentleman is an experienced mining operator with a wide acquaintance among capitalists, and his advent means much to Sonora.

Work on the Jejoba mine, about twelve miles from Magdalena, is being carried along in a satisfactory manner. This rich property is one of the coming mines of Sonora. It is owned by Miguel Latz, Geo. G. Graham, Jack Faulds and others.

Phoenix Herald: There will undoubtedly be a new Southern Pacific Coast route of travel opened up one of these days by a steamer line from Panama to Guaymas, which will shorten the communication between the west coast of South America and the United States very materially.

The federal telegraph office at Nogales, Sonora, has announced the following reduced rates on messages: To Hermosillo, ten words, fifty cents, and four cents for each additional word. To Guaymas, ten words, sixty cents, and six cents for each additional word. The office is open daily and part of the night.

Mr. Gus. Reymershofer of Galveston, Texas, general manager of the Sonora Valley Land & Colonization Co., which owns two large tracts of land in the Altar district, writes THE OASIS that he will be in Europe the coming summer, and while there he will endeavor to organize a colony to develop the lands owned by the company.

In the case of J. M. Laffont, before the court of the first instance at Guaymas, charged with inflicting injuries upon Gilberto and Antonio Leveir, the accused was convicted of the charge as to injuring Gilberto, but acquitted on the charge of injuring his brother. A sentence of five months imprisonment was pronounced and the accused admitted to bail, pending appeal to the supreme court of Sonora.

Quantities of rich ore are coming in from the San Manuel mine at Caborca. This property, now owned by Diego L. Ortega, was worked by other parties at some former period. It has recently been denounced by the present owner, and has already made a good showing. The ledge is four feet wide and the rock yields 230 ounces, silver, and one ounce, gold, per ton. It is sent to Hermosillo and sold to the Mexican Ore Co.

Recently a prospector named Jesus Cordes discovered a valuable mineral ledge on the Jotoiqui rancho, about forty miles north from Santa Ana. The lucky finder took Señor Diego A. Moreno into his confidence and induced the latter gentleman to denounce the property. Tuesday of the present week development work was commenced. The width of the ledge is not yet developed. Surface samples assay 7,000 ounces silver and one-half ounce gold per ton.

United States Consul R. Hughes Long is in receipt of an official report from Vice Consul R. D. George, in charge of the consular agency at Guaymas, conveying the information that he has secured the release of the four American sailors from the steamer Orizaba who have been confined in jail there, on a charge of smuggling, since last August. With his usual promptitude Mr. George took up the matter as soon as he went to Guaymas, and induced the authorities to investigate the matter thoroughly, with the result that a decided insufficiency of evidence against the accused was developed and their discharge ordered.

## NAT WAS BARRED.

An Old Soldier Floored by the Civil Service Law.

The Chicago Record's Washington correspondent, under date of the 7th inst., gives the following interesting personal reminiscence which will be read with interest hereabout:

"Nat Fulmar is the only surviving member of President McKinley's regiment, the 23d Ohio, who was not here to see his comrade inaugurated as president of the United States, but he wrote him a letter from away down in the southwest corner of Arizona apologizing for his absence and explaining why he could not come. Fulmar is a miner, and since the silver coinage law was repealed has been 'down on his luck,' like so many of his occupation. One of his neighbors owes him \$500 and promised to pay it on the 1st of February, but neglected to do so, and Fulmar did not have the money to pay his expenses to Washington.

"The president read this letter with as much interest as any he had received since the 4th of March, particularly because it contained some references to their army life and to a great occasion in the history of the regiment, when after the battle of Antietam, the members of the 23d were the only men in the army that had coffee and bread to eat before they turned in at night. This was due to the energy and skill of William McKinley, commissary sergeant, who hustled the wagons up ahead of every other sergeant in the service. For this, which was something more than an act of gallantry, Col. Rutherford B. Hayes promoted him to second lieutenant and gave him his first start in life. Nat Fulmar was with McKinley on that occasion, and therefore knew all the facts. It gave him as much pleasure to recall them as it did President McKinley to read them in the ill-written but intelligent letter.

"The president answered Fulmar with his own hand, regardless of the demands upon his time and the clamor of 12,000 office-seekers. He thanked his comrade for remembering him, expressed his regret that he had not been able to come to the inauguration, and asked him if he could do anything, personally or officially, to promote his comfort and welfare.

"Fulmar snapped at his proposition like a trout at a fly, and wrote back immediately asking the president to have him appointed customs inspector under the collector at Nogales. The pay of that position is \$80 a month, and the duty is to ride the Mexican boundary lines day after day and night after night on a mustang, looking out for smugglers and Chinese immigrants. The president immediately ordered the appointment to be made, but it turned out that position, like almost everything else, is under the civil-service rules, and a vacancy, even if he made one, could only be filled by a competitive examination, which Mr. Fulmar would not attempt. While he knows all that is necessary to know about prospect holes and practical mineralogy, and can tell the time of day by the sun, Mr. Fulmar would not be very much at home in a schoolhouse. They had an examination down there for inspectors not long ago, and the only man of all the candidates who presented themselves who was able to pass was a venerable

school teacher who is too old to endure exposure and too weak to sit a horse. The examiners asked the candidates where Cape Finisterre was and nobody but the school teacher could answer the question. The rest of them were pretty sure that it was nowhere along the line between Arizona and Mexico and that Chinaman and mescal brandy which the inspectors have to look out for, do not go that way. They were asked also the location of the Strait of Sunda, and to explain the vagaries of the trade winds. The schoolmaster made some intelligent observations on these points, but the cowboys and miners were completely floored. They are able to detect an illegal Chinese immigrant with half an eye half-open, and by tasting contraband whisky can tell the distillery it comes from, but of book 'larnin', like Nat Fulmar, they are 'short.'

### BENSON ITEMS.

Mrs. A. A. McGinnis, who has been very ill, is now recovering.

Mr. Frank Trask and family are visiting his parents.

Mr. George W. Bryan is recovering from a severe attack of cholera morbus.

Mrs. Dr. J. V. Gaff from Tucson, is visiting Benson, the guest of Mrs. H. Walker.

Tuesday evening Mrs. Temple started for Tempe to visit her daughter, Miss Ida, who is attending the territorial normal school.

A very interesting Easter programme is in course of preparation for the presentation at the Methodist church on Sunday.

Mrs. James Roberts was very ill last week. Mrs. Sam Friedman has also been on the sick list. Both are now very much improved.

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